
Date: September 10, 2023 **Message:** Be Imitators of God

Series: Inclusion then Action **Scripture:** Ephesians 5

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Ephesians 5

How believers are specifically called to imitate God:

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1. This passage says that we are to imitate God and to follow God's example as dearly loved children (v. 1). Give some specific examples of what this might entail or look like.
2. How do Ephesians 1:5 and 5:1 relate to each other?
3. How did Jesus model both horizontal love (loving others) and vertical love (loving God)?
4. How do immorality, greed, and corrupt speech each amount to idolatry (v. 5)?
5. What is the relationship between sin, God's wrath, and salvation in this passage? How can one escape the wrath of God?
6. What does this entire passage teach about how believers are to respond to sin in our own lives and to the spiritual darkness in our world? What virtues and practices should believers pursue as people of light? What reasons are given for this response?
7. What does it mean to walk in wisdom (v. 15)? Why does this passage suggest that we so badly need wisdom?
8. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit (v. 18)? What are the effects of this? And what is the connection between being filled with the Spirit and walking in wisdom?
9. The larger context for this passage points us to the fact that there is a communal dimension to the new, transformed, Spirit-filled life to which we are called as Christ-followers. What role do other believers play in helping us to walk in love, walk in light, and walk in wisdom?